

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 378 - SB 670

February 23, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes local governments who have adopted certain building codes such as the International Building or Fire Codes to proceed with construction of educational facilities while awaiting final approval from the state fire marshal's office.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Not Significant

Increase Local Expenditures - Exceeds \$100,000/Permissive

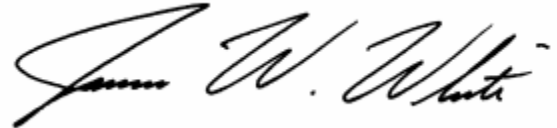
Assumptions:

- There are 35 exempt jurisdictions that will be permitted to proceed with construction.
- Proceeding with construction of an educational facility without the final approval of the state fire marshal, opens the construction to unforeseen errors that may have to be changed to comply with the state standards. This may result in significant demolition or alteration and then reconstruction of a completed or nearly completed project. Any increase in local expenditures will be permissive and is estimated to exceed \$100,000 for additional construction costs.
- Due to the cost of reconstruction, it is anticipated that the number of projects that will move forward with construction without fire marshal approval will be low.
- State and local fire marshal's offices may incur increases in the total number of inspections in order to reinspect such buildings; however, any increase in state and local expenditures for this purpose is estimated to be not significant.

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CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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